

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) In an image reproducing apparatus having a user interface, a method comprising the steps of:
 - presenting a plurality of graphical user interface elements on a display for viewing by an operator, wherein said graphical user interface elements represent parameter setting menus for operational features of said image reproducing apparatus;
 - receiving a selection of one or more of said graphical user interface elements at the user interface in a chronological sequence defined by the operator for a selected imaging job;
 - displaying the parameter setting menus represented by the selected graphical user interface elements in the sequence defined by the operator, the parameter setting menus being contextually independent of each other; and
 - storing the sequence defined by the operator on a storage medium.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of, selecting default values for one or more image reproduction operations of the image reproducing apparatus.
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the selected parameter setting menus are used for setting parameters for a print job.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the selected parameter setting menus are used for setting parameters for a copy job.
5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the graphical user interface elements presented on the display include icons that are visual representations of objects that encapsulate attributes of a function of the image reproducing apparatus.

6. (Original) The method of claim 2 further comprising the step of, deselecting one or more of the default values for one or more image reproduction operations of the image reproducing apparatus.

7. (Currently Amended) In an image reproducing system utilizing a computer controlled user interface for selecting a sequence of parameter setting menus that enable setting of parameters for image reproduction, a computer-readable medium holding computer-executable instructions for performing a method of selecting a sequence of parameter setting menus that enable setting of parameters for image reproduction comprising the steps of:

receiving operator input at the user interface in a sequence defined by an operator to program the image reproducing system to display selected parameter setting menus in said sequence defined by said operator, the parameter setting menus being contextually independent of each other;

generating a sequence of parameter setting menus that enable setting of parameters for image reproduction based on the received operator input; and

storing the sequence of parameter setting menus that enable setting of parameters for image reproduction on a storage medium.

8. (Original) The computer readable-medium of claim 7 further comprising the step of, selecting default values for one or more image reproduction operations of the image reproducing system.

9. (Previously Presented) The computer readable-medium of claim 7, wherein the selected parameter setting menus are used for setting parameters for a print job.

10. (Previously Presented) The computer readable-medium of claim 7, wherein the selected parameter setting menus are used for setting parameters for a copy job.

11. (Original) The computer readable-medium of claim 7 further comprising the step of, presenting one or more graphical user interface elements at the user interface for selecting the operator defined sequence.

12. (Original) The computer readable-medium of claim 8 further comprising the step of, deselecting one or more of the default values for one or more image reproduction operations of the image reproducing apparatus.

13. (Currently Amended) A computer controlled user interface for programming an image reproduction sequence of an image reproducing system comprising:

a display for viewing by an operator wherein the display displays a plurality of visual representations of parameter setting menus that enable setting of parameters for image reproduction; the parameter setting menus being contextually independent of each other;

an input device for use by the operator for selecting the plurality of visual representations representing parameter setting menus that enable setting of parameters for image reproduction in a sequential manner defined by the operator; and

a processor for configuring the image reproducing system to display the parameter setting menus that enable setting of parameters for image reproduction, the parameter setting menus being represented by the selected visual representations, in the sequential manner defined by the operator using the input device.

14. (Previously Presented) The computer controlled user interface of claim 13 further comprising a storage device for storing the selected sequence of parameter setting menus defined by the operator.

15. (Previously Presented) The computer controlled user interface of claim 13 further comprising an image reproduction function library that provides visual representations of parameter setting menus.

16. (Previously Presented) The computer controlled user interface of claim 13, wherein the plurality of visual representations of parameter setting menus that enable setting of parameters for image reproduction is a plurality of visual representations of objects that encapsulate attributes of image reproducing functions.

17. (Previously Presented) The computer controlled user interface of claim 13, wherein the plurality of visual representations of parameter setting menus that enable setting of parameters for image reproduction is a plurality of icons.

18. (Previously Presented) The computer controlled user interface of claim 14, wherein the interface displays at least one selectable element linked to one or more stored image reproducing sequences.

19. (Previously Presented) The computer controlled user interface of claim 13, wherein the plurality of visual representations of a sequence of parameter setting menus that enable setting of parameters for image reproduction is a plurality of windows.

20. (Original) The computer controlled user interface of claim 13, wherein the input device includes a touch screen.